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### MYSTIC

New Britain Minstrels Give Fine Show for Benefit of Rev. M. P. Hart's Church—Odd Fellows May Have New Quarters or Building.

There was a large attendance Friday evening at the Mystic minstrel show given for the benefit of Rev. M. P. Hart's church. The members of the company came from Fr. Hart's former parish and arrived in automobiles early in the evening. A street parade was given, and after the show dancing was enjoyed. The visitors were given a royal welcome. A good sum was realized for the benefit of the parish.

Cadets Accept Norwich Invitation. St. Patrick's cadets held their regular meeting in Columbus hall, when one new member was admitted. The committee on the first anniversary gave a report; the meeting will be held on Monday evening, Nov. 1. The cadets have accepted an invitation from St. Mary's T. A. B. society of Norwich to attend the birthday celebration of Father Mathew, the apostle of temperance, to be held on Monday evening, Oct. 1. The first five officers of the company will be sent to the celebration as the company's delegation.

Odd Fellows May Have New Quarters. At the meeting of St. John's lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F., Courtland C. Potter, George D. Johnson, Charles Eccleston, Jesse B. Stinson and Hiram W. Jones were appointed a committee to confer with the trustees in the matter of new quarters or a new building for the lodge. The new paraphernalia to take the place of that destroyed by fire is expected in less than a week. A large class will be initiated in October.

Short Paragraphs. Rev. Joseph Hooper of Durham, a former rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis on Gravel street. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Elven and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pendergast returned from an automobile trip to the White mountains.

Miss Geneva E. Ricker is visiting at Norwich town. Mrs. Thomas E. Packer, Mrs. Amos Grinnell and Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Batty have returned from a three weeks' stay in Bethlehem, N. H. Miss Laura Mallory has returned to Leominster, N. Y.

Walter Smith has entered the U. of P. Dental school, Philadelphia. Mrs. Palmer Brown of Providence is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Wheeler. Miss Eliza Denison and Miss Louise Paige have left for a five weeks' trip to the San Francisco exposition.

Mrs. Carl Cutler is visiting relatives in North Scituate, R. I.

### OBITUARY.

Miss Amanda M. Babcock. Miss Amanda Malvina Babcock, 80, died at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Jesse D. Hall in Quabbin, having been in ill health for the past four years. She was born in the town of Ledyard, the daughter of Charles and Louisa Brown Babcock. She was a teacher for a long term of years. She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Jesse Hall and Mrs. Amos Dickens.

Mrs. Thomas Gleason. Mrs. Ellen Gleason, 74, widow of Thomas Gleason, died at her home on Mistuxet avenue, Friday. She was a native of Ireland and came to America when a young woman. She had many friends, who are sorry to learn of her death. She is survived by a grandson, William T. Gleason.

Dead at the Age of 95. Mrs. Tamer Sebastian, 95, widow of Manuel Sebastian, died Friday evening at the home of her daughter, Miss Sylvia Sebastian, on High street. She

## STATE W. C. T. U. MEETING

Forty-first Annual Convention to Open Tuesday—Mrs. Daniel Brown Sues Neighbor Alleging \$1,200 Damages—Alexander Atkin's Injured Eye Removed—Death of Azel W. Tefft.

The annual meeting of the Rhode Island State Women's Christian Temperance Union, held at the Kingston Hotel, opened Tuesday morning. It is evident that the object lesson that will prove advantageous in future like events, is the small number of machines entered was not from any lack of interest, but rather from the shortness of time to make arrangements as the sanction of the state league was given but a few days before the date of the opening of the fair. The quilting contest was of special interest from the fact that "plug" nozzles were barred for the first time in many years. This in a marked degree was responsible for the small number of entries. The prize for the best quilt was only 160 feet, 4-7-8 inches. It is evident that the Rhode Island tubs expect to compete successfully with out-of-state musters they must practice with the "plugs" and if they do not they will be hopelessly handicapped.

There is a probability that the annual state league muster of 1916 may be held in Westerly, and if positive announcement is made early in the season, there will be a large number of field entries. The annual muster of the New England State Firemen's league will be held in Providence in August, 1916. The Rhode Island tubs expect to compete successfully with out-of-state musters they must practice with the "plugs" and if they do not they will be hopelessly handicapped.

Through her attorney, Judge Herbert W. Rathbun, Mrs. Mary Brown, widow of Daniel Brown, who owns and resides on the farm known as the "Buck place," on the Stonington road, which comprises about 400 acres, including the village of Stonington, has filed a suit in damages of \$1,200 against John Cronin, who resides in Burdick lane, Pawcatuck. The suit is returnable to the superior court for the county of New London county, at Norwich, October 1. Deputy Sheriff Casper attached the property of John Cronin, in connection with the suit.

The plaintiff alleges that Cronin has encroached on her land and cut and carried away wood and other material, past four years, and taken about 500 cords of wood, and has refused to pay for the same. Mrs. Brown has fixed the property lines, which show that Mrs. Brown's land has been encroached upon and that wood belonging to her has been taken away by Cronin and this suit is the result. The Connecticut statutes provide that in case of this nature, the plaintiff has the right to recover three times the value of the property taken. Mrs. Brown claims that she has lost 147 trees over one foot in diameter, 104 of one foot in diameter and 650 under one foot in diameter.

After a lapse of five years the annual convention of the Rhode Island Women's Christian Temperance Union, the forty-first annual, will be held in Grace Methodist church, Westerly, commencing Tuesday afternoon and continuing Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The members of the Rhode Island W. C. T. U., of Providence, president of the union, will preside, and Rev. Lyman H. Horton, D. D., pastor of the church, will welcome the delegates. After the appointment of the convocation committee, and reports of the secretary and treasurer, there will be a discussion of the state and national papers of the organization. Tuesday evening Mrs. Anna C. M. Tillinghast, of Beverly, Mass., will speak on The Social Advantages of the Liquor Traffic.

Wednesday there will be reports from the Young People's branch, the Loyal Temperance Legion and the Young Campaigners. Mrs. J. K. Barney, of Providence, will conduct the memorial service and president Rooke will deliver the annual address. There will be an illustration of the Rhode Island W. C. T. U. of Providence on a Missionary Tour of the World, and a presentation of the new yearbook. The evening there will be an organ recital and song service.

Thursday, delegates to the national convention selected, and action taken on the reports of the committee on resolutions.

Rev. Joseph L. Peacock and Rev. F. Stedman Kinney attended the Rally day service held Saturday at the First Baptist church, Providence, under the auspices of the committee on young people's work. The service was held at the Rhode Island Baptist state convention. Rev. Clarence M. Gallup, D. D., led the devotion. While the service was being made by Rev. O. P. Gifford, Brookline, Mass., Rev. H. M. King, D. D., of Providence, President W. H. F. Fausch of Brown university and Rev. Emory W. Hunt of Newton Center, Mass.

There was a general review of the work of missionaries, secretaries, pastors and state officers of the Baptist organization. Rev. F. O. Cunningham of New Bedford conducted the service of song, using the new Red Book.

### STONINGTON

New Haven Road Rock Ballasting Roadbed to Westerly—Fishing Season Poor.

One week from today there will be an innovation for town election in Stonington, as the polls will be opened at the hour of 9 o'clock in the morning, thereby giving the citizens employed at a distance a chance to vote without loss of time. The proposition to change the time of opening the polls was adopted at the usual financial town meeting without the slightest opposition, as it looked good on the surface to the citizens assembled.

Stonington fishermen complain that the business has been so bad that people distinguished for their honesty and stubbornness, all of them plain of feature, with light hair, often as white as prepared flax, with prominent cheek-bones, broad flat noses, wide nostrils, flat foreheads and pointed ears, the general appearance of the largely varied by inter-marriage between Slavs and Finns, and the resulting product, a "mongrel" happy one. As far as our own granite the Finns say of themselves, and their Russian neighbors bear witness also to their quality of being headstrong in the proverb "Once light a fire among Finns and it will burn throughout Eternity."

The Finn is the most highly prized servant in Russia, because in sharp contrast with the Russian peasant, he will not steal. In Finland, or among Finns, the Russians say, it is never necessary to make use of a lock and key. The Russian says, if he display the same love for getting drunk and for going to church. The Russian of both sexes is admirable regular in their pursuit of these pleasures.

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Moreover, the Finn and the Russian are alike superstitious. The head of the newborn child is thrust into the open door of the stove in order that its family's hearty spirit may become acquainted with it. Now and again, this introduction has been fatal to the baby. The Finns also believe that the newborn child needs a family member in the household 40 days before taking its final departure. The Finn thoroughly enjoys bathing and shaping with the bath. The custom of both sexes bathing together, Finns predominate in the country north of the Duna or Dnieper River, which the Germans are now attacking. Here, they are agriculturists, trappers and hunters. They catch 40 or more kinds of fish in the Lake District, the best of which they send to the big markets to be sold. Their own diet consists almost entirely of fish and coarse bread. They mix fat with their food and eat a flat cake, to enjoy which the stranger first needs considerable experience and resolution.

These hunt squirrels in winter, when their fur is thick and valuable. The pelts are sold at the Nijni Novgorod fair. They also hunt otter, bear, and game birds, the last of which are killed as recklessly for the big city markets as the Finns are in this country. Russia's store of game birds still appears inexhaustible, and with her vast northern forests and plains teeming with this life, with her ten thousand lakes rich feeding and breeding grounds for duck and geese, there is no wonder that the Finns and the Russian peasant are so fond of hunting.

Where Napoleon Once Marched. It was near Kovno that Napoleon crossed the Niemen, in 1812, wearing a black coat and a black hat, and uniform of a Polish lancer. No fight was put up at this point by the Russians as Napoleon had reckoned upon resistance, but only a few Cossacks were seen. The weather was intensely hot and a terrific storm came on, with floods of rain. It was said that the French regarded this as a bad omen; but that is denied by Marbot, who remarks that "Soldiers are well used to hail and thunder in summer time. Moreover, the Russian had been told by the Emperor Alexander nearly lost his life during a hail storm, when he was riding a wilding away under his chair, just at the time when the first French detachment was landing on Russian soil—London Chronicle.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

The New Swaggar Stick. You have noticed the short yellow knobbed cane that is carried by all officers of the British army and very many private soldiers? It is a cane that before the war had no existence, and is now ubiquitous. Small fortunes have been made out of it, yet no one comes forward to claim its invention. Its price at all places is the shilling, but its name varies. I see it billed variously at shop doors as the Army Stick, the Swaggar, the Swagger, the Short, and the Swaggar Cane. The real swaggar cane, though, is of older date, and is a rule short piece of cane, or other flexible material, with a ferrule at each end. One vendor of the knobbed article the other day assured me its name was "Molition Malacca," but I think the meant imitation Malacca—London Chronicle.

New Swiss Foreign Trade Bureau. Switzerland has recently taken up the problems connected with the development of its foreign trade and a bureau for the purpose of assisting Swiss merchants in finding markets for their goods and for assisting them in finding proper sources of supplies for raw materials, semi-manufactured and finished products, such as are not available in Switzerland. This bureau is anxious to cooperate in every way with American manufacturers and importers. The bureau is named "Swiss Information Bureau for Purchasing and Marketing of Goods" and is located in Zurich. Its president is Mr. Alfred Frey, national councillor and president of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce. Its manager is Mr. Boos-Jocher, secretary general of the Swiss Exposition Bureau.

Farmington—Mrs. Charles Brandegee of Farmington, accompanied her daughter, Miss Hildgaard, to Detroit on her return to her duties as director of music in that city.



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